

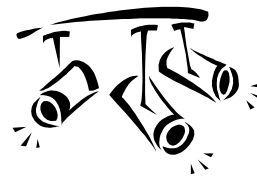


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Over 2,000 Kentuckians gathered at Frankfort's Farham Dudgeon Civic Center today to pay tribute to the victims, survivors and rescue workers of the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks, as part of *The Governor's Tribute to Freedom*.

"We've come here today to remember, to reflect and to rejoice in the great legacy our forefathers gave us," said Governor Patton. "A legacy that endowed us with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. A legacy that September 11th has reminded us cannot and must not be taken for granted."

The hour-long tribute featured performances by Heather French Henry, the Army National Guard Band, the First Christian Church Bell Choir, the Kentucky State University Concert Choir, the Kentucky State Police Honor Guard and short play depicting a collage of Kentucky remembrances about the tragic event.

More details, including photos, are available at
<http://gov.state.ky.us/freedom/>

Vouchers must be signed and dated appropriately

When filling out your travel voucher, be sure to sign and date it in the required areas at the bottom of the form.

Regulations require that all vouchers be signed and dated by each employee and their supervisor. Failure to do so will result in your voucher being returned to you.

Did you know? During the month of August, CFC returned 43 vouchers because they were lacking signatures and/or dates.

Do you like to meet people?

Would you like to learn more about other areas of the Cabinet in Quality Central?

Volunteer to work on the QCC Spotlight Team!

Time Required:

About an hour a month, working with other QCC employees

Effort:

Interview candidate and write brief description

End Product:

Article for Pipeline

Purpose:

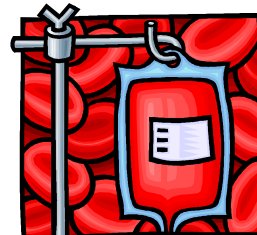
Shine the QCC Spotlight on someone

Contact:

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Blood Drive to be held next week



The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sept. 17 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the CHR Building lobby. Schedule an appointment with the Red Cross in lobby of the CHR building on Friday, Sept. 13 or Monday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyday our region needs 650 pints of blood for our local community. The goal for both days is to collect 80 units of blood.

Thanks for your support!



Online form simplifies food stamp applications

An online form can make the process of applying for food stamps easier and faster.

The form was posted Sept. 1 on the Cabinet for Families and Children's Web site (<http://cfc.state.ky.us>). Since a signature is required, applicants must print a paper copy of the form before completing and submitting it. Applications cannot be submitted online.

To be approved, most applicants will need to visit a Family Support office for an interview. But their benefits will start the day their completed form is officially received by mail, fax or hand delivery.

That means some families will qualify more quickly than in the past, when typically all paperwork was completed at the interview and the interview date became the start date for benefits.

This year's federal farm bill required every state agency that administers food stamps to post a food stamp application on its Web site, if it has one, by December 2003. The Cabinet put the form online as soon as possible.

Kentucky has been a leader in extending food stamp assistance to eligible households.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the food stamp program, Kentucky ranked sixth among the 50 states and District of Columbia in food stamp participation in 1999, the most recent year for which comparable data are available. In that year, an estimated 75 percent of eligible

households in Kentucky received food stamps, compared to a national average of 57 percent.

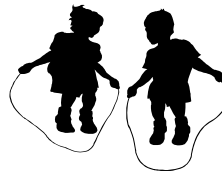
As of Aug. 31 of this year, Kentucky's food stamp caseload numbered 195,413 households. They received food benefits worth more than \$36 million a month.

Starting Oct. 1, a family of four can receive food stamps if its gross income comes to less than \$1,961 a month. Higher income limits apply to the elderly and disabled.

Putting the benefits form online is one of the many ways the Cabinet is trying to make it easier for low-income families to improve their quality of life.

Gov. Paul Patton and about 100 public and private-sector officials will try to develop other and more powerful strategies for helping low-income Kentuckians at a Summit on Quality of Life in the Commonwealth on Oct. 17 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort.

National experts bring timely messages to "KIDS ARE WORTH IT!" conference



Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky will host national experts in the field of child abuse at its annual KIDS ARE WORTH IT conference September 16-18, 2002 at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. Featured participants include: **Dr. Terry Tafoya** from the University of Washington School of Medicine, who uses his training in Native American storytelling in his work as a Family Therapist; **Detective Rick Cage**, who has conducted over 1,500 child abuse investigations and interviewed more than 3,000 children; **Craig Smith** with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who has extensive experience in the investigation of homicide, child sexual abuse and Shaken Baby Syndrome; **Shane Salter**, who spent his entire childhood in foster care and most recently served as the

Director of the Freddie Mac Foundation; and **Ted Marshall**, professor at Morehead State University, who will open the conference with "Protecting Our Children-The Guts and the Glory."

The conference will include the Champions For Children Awards Luncheon, featuring winners of statewide awards in the categories of Child Advocate, Child Protective Services Worker, Volunteer and Public Official. Providing special remarks at the luncheon will be Frank Minnifield, president of the National Football League Players' Association's Kentucky Chapter, who spearheaded the effort to involve the association in drawing attention to Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The Kids Are Worth It! Conference is Kentucky's only statewide child abuse prevention conference and attracts more than 500 participants annually. The conference is co-sponsored by the Cabinet for Families and Children, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Cabinet for Health Services, the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services and the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children. According to the Department for Community Based Services, there were 75,044 children reported as abused or neglected last year in Kentucky.

The ABCs of EAL



"The ABCs of EAL" features tips that can help us improve our relationships with coworkers and our service to the families of Kentucky.

This week: Q

The **quick fix** is just what it sounds like. It offers a quick, easy and cheap solution to the symptom of a problem. This solution usually leaves the root cause of the problem untouched and can

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divert energy and resources from the true problem, making things worse.